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ECONOMY IS THE SLOGAN

LONG before there was any general discussion of the necessity for reforms in the administration of Nye county, taxpayers had been in open revolt against the outrageous burdens imposed on them through sheer extravagance and wasteful expenditure. This culminated in a protest that found voice in both party conventions and the adoption of resolutions pledging all candidates to the strictest economy in retrenchment. There could not be any room to question the attitude of the Republican delegates, for they were all committed to the one principle of cutting down the overhead and saving the taxpayers from the unjust demands of the multitudes feeding at the public crib. The Democratic convention was the scene of one of the liveliest episodes when one of the leading attorneys of Tonopah, and a war horse of the party, boldly taxed the officials at the courthouse with alienating public sentiment by the reckless conduct of their offices. In view of these facts there cannot be any question about the implied and verbal pledges exacted from the men chosen by the people to represent their respective parties in the election. These men were solemnly pledged to reform of a sweeping character and it is up to them to declare themselves ready to redeem their outstanding obligation.

If the elected officers of Nye county are not absent minded, they will recall every circumstance pertaining to their nominations, and, furthermore, they will not require any particular jogging to be reminded that the clearance at the courthouse was predicated on the one plank of economy and efficiency. The officers-elect are poster with applications for jobs and the opinion that the good old times are to continue seems to obtain. For the benefit of those who are disposed to incline their ears to the siren notes of false friends who would seduce them from their allegiance, it may be hinted that the last word in appointments comes from the newly elected board of county commissioners. These men are the ones who will determine what number of employees is commensurate with the work, and, since these men are worldly wise business men, they must stand between any restoration of the reign of plunder and the voters who expressed themselves so emphatically at the polls.

Moreover, it is up to the new board of commissioners to see that the bullion tax is collected. Through neglect of the sheriff's office and the district attorney of Nye county taxpayers have not received any material aid from the enormous silver and gold production that has been increasing steadily for the past three years. Every one of the big producing companies is on a dividend basis, the Bonanza columns tell of hundreds of thousands of dollars of bullion shipped every few weeks, but, somehow or another, the receipts from the bullion tax are almost negligible. White Pine county has reached the point where the bullion tax is almost sufficient to pay the overhead expenses of the county, while Nye county, with its rich mines, is satisfied to levy on the poor householder to make both ends meet.

OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

NEVER has there been an event in the history of Tonopah that gave more genuine pleasure than the children's Christmas celebration of last year. The program brought joy to many darkened little lives whose saddened existence was narrowed down to the struggle for bread and butter against a grinding poverty. The pinching and scrimping of parents or widowed mother would have deprived the tots of Tonopah of enjoying the long cherished dreams of a personal visit from dear old Santa Claus had it not been for the big-hearted ladies of the camp who did yeoman's service in securing donations of cash and merchandise for the public display which had been the dream of hundreds of youngsters during their waking and sleeping moments for almost a year.

This is the time for the men and women of Tonopah to realize the pleasure they can convey with the investment of a trifle of money, for the return of gratitude more than outweighs the cost measured in time and gifts. The Bonanza feels that all it requires is a reminder to get action on this most laudable enterprise, to the end that there shall not be any fear of failure in the hearts of the juvenile element that looks forward hopefully to grasping the hand of the white whiskered old gentleman whose pack seems to be bottomless and whose resources are equal to the strain of the most lively imagination. Christmas is the time of good cheer, and no better expression of the prosperity of Tonopah can be found than in making the Christmas of 1916 even more memorable than the preceding anniversary.

WHAT'S IN A WORD,

REPORTS from Washington state that congress will make ample provision for the comfort of the first lady elected to the house of representatives. The gentlemen may be relied on regardless of party to demean themselves to the new member in such a way that no fault can be found. Not that the present members of congress are anxious to encourage the extension of the suffrage privilege to the extent of adding a feminine section to the debating circle made famous in the Congressional Record, but they are prepared to make the best of what they regard as an evil and behave as perfect gentlemen. With these details settled, other disquieting elements are injected. For instance, what is the right way to refer to the distinguished lady from Montana? Is she to be referred to as a "congresswoman," or, worse still, as the "lady member of congress"? Either is too cumbersome to be convenient and it behooves some of the society magazines to offer a premium for a better definition. The law does not recognize the name of "postmistress" and it follows that "congresswoman" is equally objectionable. The postoffice department says there are only postmasters and that the appointments do not carry any sex distinction. The same definition applies to voters. Suffrage did not carry with it any discrimination so that the sex could or would be designated by the addition of

"voteress" or "woman voters." Neither is there any special provision in the jury system for an officer to discern between the men and women called for jury service. Under these circumstances it is far fetched to style the new member of congress as other than a "congressman" in colloquial English. The real title, of course, is "representative in congress," but that is altogether too long.

MANY GOLD-SILVER VEINS ARE YOUNG

One deposits ranging in age from the time when the most complex thing on the earth was a crablike creature down to the time when mammals were highly developed have been found in the United States. Among the younger deposits is a group known to geologists as the late Tertiary veins. These veins are widely distributed and are of particular interest not only because they have given rise to famous mining camps such as Tonopah, Goldfield and Comstock, but because, owing to their comparative youth, the surface on which they crop out is not greatly below that which existed at the time of their origin.

Thus by considering the surface

conditions and by laboratory experiments the phenomena they present can be interpreted more accurately than those of older deposits which are at greater depths and are more deeply cut by erosion. Many of the late Tertiary veins in this country, all inclosed in lava rocks or closely associated with them, are found in Nevada.

Three districts that contain deposits of this type have recently been described by H. G. Ferguson in a report (Bulletin 640-F) on the Golden Arrow, Clifford and Ellendale districts, Nye county, Nev., which may be obtained by writing to the director, United States geological survey, department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

50 PER CENT WASTE IN PRODUCING COAL

HIGH COST OF LIVING IS TO BECOME SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Food products are likely to be the subject of an investigation by the federal trade commission at a meeting in Washington, Friday.

"The high cost of the necessities of life is the most important problem before the American people today," said Edward F. Hurley, chairman of the commission. "I believe it is within the province of the trade commission to investigate."

Mr. Hurley declared present coal prices were suicidal, and charged coal operators with wastefulness. Of the 600,000,000 tons of bituminous coal mined in a year, he said, 300,000,000 was wasted, and 200,000,000 of this could be saved under efficient operation.

CALIFORNIA LOOKING FOR ELECTION GOAT

CHAIRMAN SAYS INSTRUCTIONS WERE SUPPRESSED AND NOT OBEYED

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Chester H. Rowell, chairman of the Republican state central committee, has issued a statement charging that the Republicans who undertook to look after Charles E. Hughes during his trip through California, not only made a bad job of it, but suppressed and disobeyed instructions from the east. The statement blames them for the loss of the state from the Republican column.

"If the advice and practically the demands of the national managers of Mr. Hughes' campaign had not been defied and suppressed by those temporarily in charge of it in California," the statement said, "Mr. Hughes would now be, beyond question, president-elect of the United States."

Francis V. Keeling, chairman of the Republican state central committee at the time Mr. Hughes was in the state, said: "I'm not going to say anything. The telegrams were all published at the time."

General von Kluck, who took the Germans in sight of Paris, has been tired from service in the army. He must pay the penalty for not performing the impossible.—Galveston News.

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SLEEP AT SWITCH DUE TO OVERWORK

LONG HOURS AND SMALL PAY GRIEVANCE OF EASTERN RAILROAD CREWS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Instances where railroad switchmen worked 14 and 15 hours a day and fell asleep after eating lunch, causing them to lose their jobs when they failed to return on time, were cited by F. L. Eggleston, a switchman in the New York Central yards at Buffalo, N. Y., before the board of arbitration in the controversy between the switchmen's union and 13 railroads over demands of the men for an eight hour day and higher pay.

Eggleston testified he averages 12 hours a day and that he does not see his little son awake for weeks at a time. Some jobs in the Buffalo yards, he asserted, average 14 and 15 hours.

B. B. Duschane, a foreman employed in Detroit by the Michigan Central, testified that by working three hours a day overtime he is able to bring his earnings to a basis where he can support his family. He calculated that if he worked ten hours a day for 35 days a year he would receive as foreman \$1387 for the year. A helper, he said, would earn \$1247.

Duschane asserted that some of the crews in the yards work 16 hours a day, ten hours elapsing sometimes between luncheon and the evening meal.

An Anecdote of Handel.

On one occasion Handel was caught in a shower of rain and was obliged to seek shelter in a blacksmith's forge. Either Handel was in a silent mood or else the blacksmith showed no conversational symptoms, for in a little while the latter began hammering away at an anvil, accompanying his work with a song. Handel was listening all the time to the strokes of the hammering on the anvil, which, by producing two harmonic sounds, according to time and tune with the tone the man sang, formed a bass accompaniment. Handel, on reaching home, remembered the air and the hammer accompaniment. He wrote down both, and so we owe to a shower of rain the composition known as "The Harmonious Blacksmith."

Withering.

Enoch Eastman, an old time Iowa lawyer, on one occasion appeared before a young judge and to enforce a point he desired to make brought with him and attempted to read Blackstone to the court, whereupon the young judge, after moving uneasily about in his seat for awhile, said, "Mr. Eastman, I've read Blackstone."

"Oh, hey ye!" responded Enoch, looking at the judge over the top of his spectacles with an air of surprise.—Case and Comment.

BIG PUMPS FOR GREAT WESTERN

MANAGER MAGEE EXPECTS TO HAVE EQUIPMENT RUNNING INSIDE TEN DAYS

Down at the Great Western, rapid progress is being made in completing the installation of the new pump equipment, which is equal to the best seen in Tonopah and capable of handling all the flow that has bothered the management for the past six months. The station at the bottom of the shaft has been enlarged and in the course of ten days the second pump will be turned over ready for continuous service. The pumps have a capacity of 500 gallons a minute or 720,000 gallons daily, since the mine is running three shifts and there will be no interruption to the lifting. After this work is finished the lateral work on the great crosscut to connect with the Bonanza mine will be resumed and pushed as fast as men can do it. Mr. Bryce W. Turner, consulting engineer of the Tonopah Western, is here for the purpose of conferring with Manager John Magee about the work which is being carried on jointly by the Bonanza and Great Western.

YEAR'S POTATO CROP PROVES TOTAL FAILURE IN IRELAND

(By Associated Press.) DUBLIN, Ireland, Nov. 16.—Ireland is faced with partial failure of its all-important potato crop. The official estimates indicate a yield of at least a third, and probably a half, less than last year. The loss to farmers through the damage to potatoes is figured at \$15,000,000.

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